



MICHIGAN CHAPTER

December 3, 2014

To: Chair Casperson and Members of the Senate Natural Resources, Environment, and Great Lakes Committee

RE: Hearing on SB 1026 and SB 1076

The Sierra Club opposes SB 1026 and SB 1076 and urges a NO vote on these bills which would ban oil/gas drilling in municipalities with a population above 70,000 people, prevent municipalities with less than 70,000 people from regulating oil/gas drilling, and prevent those communities from enacting ordinances that deal with oil/gas drilling. We oppose these bills because they only protect 21 of Michigan's 1773 municipalities, because they disproportionately hurt people in smaller municipalities, and because we support municipalities having local control over oil/gas drilling in their communities.

The Sierra Club will include votes related to this package of bills in our Legislative Scorecard.

Sincerely,

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